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Big labor vote urged Tuesday

from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

BIG CHAIR

So this is the editor's chair. It's a big, comfortable chair, and a trifle broken down.

Perhaps this is because it has belonged to four big men, Jim Suffridge, Charlie Omstead, Harris Wilkin and Louis Burgess. Big in one way or both.

This chair is comfortable now. But I am told it can be a hot seat, too. I hope it will be now and then. I hope to stir up some good, honest, worthwhile controversies when the situation demands it.

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TRADITION

I wanted this job, the privilege of sitting in the editor's chair of the East Bay Labor Journal, because there is a precious tradition connected with it.

This chair symbolizes free, responsible reporting and editorial comment about the labor movement.

That tradition exists partly because the chair was occupied for 13 years by the aforementioned Louis Burgess, a kindly, intelligent, fair-minded person many of you were lucky enough to know better than I.

The tradition exists, also, because of the spirit of the labor movement in Alameda County.

Let's face it; not all unions everywhere are clean, democratic and dedicated to the betterment of the wages and working conditions of their members. Not all unions everywhere are militant, but responsible at the same time.

The situation isn't as bad as the daily press would have you believe. But in some places it isn't as good as it is in Alameda County.

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WILL PRINT THE NEWS

If a union in Alameda County loses sight of the overriding fact that it was formed to protect the interests of working men and women, it will be time for a change. And it will be my duty to tell you about it.

In accordance with the spirit of the labor movement in Alameda County and the tradition of the East Bay Labor Journal, I pledge to report as fully and as fairly as I can the news about the labor movement in Alameda County.

That's my beat, and I intend to cover it.

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Millmen's 550

Important information about fluoridation for Millmen's 550 will be found on page 5.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.



JEFFERY COHELAN



GEORGE P. MILLER



NICHOLAS C. PETRIS

Pickets still in front of Two Guys Carpet Co.: BTC

Pickets are still posted in front of the Two Guys Carpet Co., 1335 Sixth St., Berkeley, Carpet, Linoleum and Tile Workers 1290 reported earlier this week.

An interim report was given by Business Representative J. L. Childers at the last meeting of the Building Trades Council.

TWO GUYS

Business representative Childers reported that the council still had pickets posted in front of the Two Guys Carpet Co., 1335 Sixth St., Berkeley.

Glenn McIntire of the Carpet and Linoleum Layers Union asked the Board of Business Agents for the pickets at its meeting May 17. The firm's carpet is installed by non-union layers, according to Childers.

Childers later said the company is listed in an unfair labor practice charge filed by Local 6, ILWU, with the NLRB.

According to Childers, the company consented to a representational election for its warehousemen but then told them it probably would go out of business if the union won. Childers said the six warehousemen in question were subsequently fired.

STATE CONFERENCE

Delegates voted to hold an election June 21 to elect representatives to attend the annual meeting of the Building Trades Conference of the California Labor Federation. The conference will meet just prior to the CLF convention Aug. 15-19 at Sacramento.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

A letter was received from Thomas L. Pitts, as secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Council on Political Education.

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Attention, Steamfitters!

An open letter concerning your credit union will be found on page 6.

COPE endorsements

The following candidates have been endorsed by the Alameda County Committee on Political Education, COPE, AFL-CIO:

CONGRESS DISTRICTS

- 7. Jeffery Cohelan (D)
- 8. George P. Miller (D)

ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS

- 13. Carlos Bee (D)
- 14. Robert W. Crown (D)
- 15. Nicholas C. Petris (D)
- 16. Wilma B. Hackett (D)
- 17. William B. Rumford (D)
- 18. Edw. R. FitzSimmons (D)

SUPERVISOR DISTRICTS

- 1. Chester "Chet" Stanley
- 2. Boliver Moore

Sweeney installed by Teamsters 70; B.A.s assigned

Jack Sweeney, secretary-treasurer, was installed with other new officers of Teamsters 70 last week and announced his assignments for business agents.

Assignments for four newly-elected B.A.s are: Tom Nunes and Joe Arino, southern Alameda County; Jim Marshall, west Oakland, and Charles Lipold, Emeryville.

Incumbent B.A.s will keep their present assignments, as follows: Bob Decker and Angelo Pandolfi, southern Alameda County; Theodore Kaufman, ice, cream, steel, new furniture and household; Joe Sawyer, construction, building materials and lumber; Al Maderos, shipyards, commission markets and casual, and Clarence Meyer, drayage, beverage and miscellaneous freight.

Cy Stulting, new president, will continue as coordinator of business agents. Sweeney succeeds veteran secretary - treasurer Frank A. DeMartini, who retired recently.

Other newly-installed officers include: Ray Blasquez, vice president; Larry Pyne, recording secretary. MORE on page 3

Key drags feet; transit district gets into the act

Key System was still dragging its feet in talks with Carmen's Division 192 as the East Bay Labor Journal went to press.

The union extended its strike deadline on a day-to-day basis, as rank-and-file members turned down an unacceptable offer and backed up their negotiators.

F. Vern Stambaugh, Division 192 president, said the union agreed to postpone strike action pending further meetings with the company and State Conciliator Joseph Chambers.

The company offered 8 cent hourly raises Monday, but union members refused to accept. It was the first counter-offer by Key, according to Stambaugh. There was no counter-offer on fringe benefit issues.

Union members were asking for raises ranging from 33 cents hourly for drivers to 57 cents for maintenance men, with improvements in pension, health and welfare, vacation and holiday provisions.

Meanwhile, Alameda - Contra Costa Transit District directors voted last week to buy Key for \$7,500,000. The transfer is expected in October.

At first, Key held out for a three year contract, anyway. But over the weekend, it agreed to negotiate only for the duration of its ownership.

John R. Worthington, transit district manager, got into the act over the weekend.

He said he would be willing to indicate whether the district would approve or disapprove any tentative agreement. The district would have a moral obligation to honor such a pre-approved agreement, Worthington said.

The Central Labor Council granted strike sanction last week. The union said its demands would bring Key System pay into line with Greyhound Lines and other transit companies and districts in this area.

COPE needs more volunteer workers: Reith

Don't forget to vote Tuesday. And vote for candidates endorsed by the Alameda County COPE (Committee on Political Education).

These two points were stressed strongly today by Ed Reith, COPE director.

COPE, the AFL-CIO's political arm in Alameda County, is calling for a big turnout of volunteer workers this coming weekend, in preparation for Tuesday's election.

Workers are needed in all assembly districts in Alameda County to hand out COPE slate cards and bumper strips, Reith said.

COPE's final primary drive began last week.

"We have to do much better this weekend," Reith said. He urged all union members to help.

Reith stressed the importance of getting out the vote for the primary election, even where there are no intra-party contests.

It is important, Reith said, for COPE-backed candidates to make a strong showing in the primary because many voters are influenced in the general election by primary vote totals.

Volunteer workers should phone the Alameda County AFL-CIO Central Labor Council office, Higate 4-6510.

Workers are also needed to contact registered union voters.

Reith emphasized that candidates who are endorsed by COPE are friends of labor. Their records show strong support of labor's goals.

COPE-endorsed candidates are listed on the front page of this week's East Bay Labor Journal.

Reith called for an especially strong vote for incumbent Assemblyman Nick Petris, who faces opposition in the Democratic primary for the 15th Assembly District.

Petris received COPE's endorsement because of his outstanding record in the Assembly during the last two years. His election climaxed a number of years of Republican domination in the 15th.

In addition, Reith pointed out that Democratic Congressmen Jeffery Cohelan and George P. Miller have had little time to campaign personally during the last few months because Congress has been in session.

The important legislation they have been fighting for, including civil rights, the Forand bill and other important AFL-CIO-backed programs, make your vote for them even more important Tuesday, Reith said.

COPE has made recommendations on a number of propositions on Tuesday's ballot. For a complete rundown, see the editorial page.

HOW TO BUY

HCR—(the high cost of retiring)

By SIDNEY MARGOLIS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Conferences on retirement problems recently held in various states have brought out significant financial facts that even workers who have some years to go ought to know about. As U.S. Sen. Eugene McCarthy of Minnesota remarked at a Cleveland conference, despite the increase in life expectancy the death rate is still 100 per cent. So's the retirement rate.

This department has estimated a minimum budget for a retired couple based on data from the Community Council of Greater New York, the Bureau of Labor Statistics and other agencies.

Here is approximately what this budget would run in a typical U.S. city at today's prices:

	Monthly
Food	\$ 62.00
Housing, utilities	77.00
Medical care	18.00
Clothing	13.00
Other goods, services	40.00

Total \$210.00

The total would be somewhat higher in the West, especially in California, and a little less in the East.

This budget is really the minimum. It allows only a dollar a day per person for food, and just a two or three-room rented apartment. It would provide a retirement of shabby respectability. You could pay your basic bills. But you couldn't own a car on it, nor have much recreation, nor any margin to cope with an expensive medical disaster.

Actually, most of the already-retired workers this reporter met at the conferences estimated that you really need about \$250 a month for modestly comfortable retirement. Florida state authorities, who have had a lot of experience with retirement expenses, also warn retirees they

should have about \$250 a month for modest security.

Looking at this estimate of modest living costs for a retired couple in a large city, you can see your potential problems are:

1—Insufficient income to cover even a very modest budget. Even maximum Social Security currently payable to a retired couple, of \$180 a month, falls noticeably short of the minimum budget.

2—Housing takes an unusual slice of the retired couple's budget—37 per cent compared to the more usual 33 per cent. Housing is the largest expense. The housing allotment in this budget includes furnishings, cleaning supplies and utilities.

3—Medical care also looms notoriously large in a retired worker's budget. It's given 9 per cent of the income, compared to the 5½ per cent younger families typically spend.

4—Present Social Security rules are hard on widows especially. A widow gets only three-fourths the amount payable to her husband, or, to put it another way, half what they got together. But her living costs are more than 50 per cent. Typical living costs of a single person are about 70 per cent of those of a couple. Thus, the most a widow can get from Social Security at this time is \$90 a month. But the costs of this minimum budget for a single person would be close to \$150.

You don't have to be an economics expert to look at these estimated living costs and see what's most urgently needed to assure retirees at least shabby respectability.

1—Most obvious need is to provide hospital and surgical insurance through the Social Security system. At the various retirement conference the big plea was for the Forand bill. In fact, at the Lakewood, N.J., retirement conference the delegates ignored the hotel's evening entertainment until the master of ceremonies hit on the idea of introducing the entertainers as supporting the Forand bill.

2—Another critical need is moderate-cost housing. If a couple can arrange mortgage payments during their working years so their house is paid up on retirement, they will have taken a big step toward solving this costliest problem.

3—Another urgent need is for financial, medical and nutritional counseling of older people. They are the targets of a number of health rackets, real-estate promoters, nutritional fads and insurance promotions. The mails, ads and TV commercials are filled with promotions for miracle medicines, vitamin preparations, special diagnostic machines and vibrators guaranteed to cure everything from falling hair to high blood pressure.

To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

THE NEW EDITOR approaches the task of writing a column for the fair sex with some hesitancy. After all, you are the world's strongest union—the guardians of virtue and the family in this topsy-turvy world of ours.

The editor also concedes that there are more of you than us, thanks partly to our orneriness in killing each other off in wars from time to time.

What's more, the new editor is humble because he is talking to the biggest bloc of voters there is—assuming you all vote.

Any year now, you women may get together and elect a distaff president. And then where would we men be?

UNTIL THE WORLD'S biggest union gets its own COPE, the new editor would like to stress the importance of (1) voting in next Tuesday's primary and (2) voting for candidates who have the official support of organized labor.

The primary is a kind of trial heat. Even in races where there is no contest for the Democratic nomination, it is important that our candidate make a good showing.

There are always some bandwagon types who vote in November for the guy who got the biggest vote in June.

So, remember, it's Cohelan and Miller for Congress; Bee, Crown, Petris, Wilma Hackett, Rumford and FitzSimmons for Assembly, and Stanley and Moore for the Board of Supervisors.

FINALLY, the new editor would like to get a word in edgewise, a thing he can't often do when there are women around. The word concerns the importance of this page.

It is the belief of the new editor that women union members and wives of union members are faced with a serious problem these days. They must stretch the family pay check to cover a growing list of needs in the midst of an inflationary price spiral.

Intelligent buying is just as important, in its own way, as organized labor's fight for higher wages.

Beware of the sucker pitch, sales rackets and the emotional glitter selling appeal such as you encounter in supermarkets and super stores of almost every variety.

For this reason, much of this space in the future will be devoted to news of interest to women as consumers.

Incidentally, the new editor is not really a misogynist. (That's a two-bit word for woman hater.) He has a lovely wife, who hen-pecks him only part of the time. He has three lovely daughters, the oldest of whom is very rapidly becoming a woman plus two sons. And his mother is a woman.

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She gave her man a letter

During a recent convention in Miami Beach, a man walked into a women's dress shop and silently handed a saleslady a slip of paper which read:

"To whom it may concern: Since I am tired of returning black nightgowns, off-the-shoulder blouses and similar articles after every convention, and since the bearer of this note seems to think I am exactly the size of the current sales person, here are some statistics and information: I am five-feet-three-inches tall, weigh 135 pounds, wear a size 13 dress and size 10 stocking. I do not like the color green, wide stripes, polka dots or nylons without seams. Please do not sell him the most expensive gift in the store as we have to eat next week, too. Thanking you in advance, I am, Sincerely the Wife of the Bearer."—Kentucky Irish American.

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Since the balance due gets lower with each monthly payment, you are actually paying interest on money you already have repaid.

Here is the difference on a 12-month contract:

They Say (per year)	True Interest (per year)
4%	7.3%
6%	10.9%
8%	14.5%
10%	18.0%

If the quoted rate is 1% per month, the true annual interest is 21.5%.

Mrs. Nelson also warns about monthly interest charges, even if only on the unpaid balance. She lists the following comparisons:

Per Month	True Interest (per year)
¾ of 1%	9%
5/6 of 1%	10%
1%	12%
1¼%	15%
1½%	18%
2½%	30%

"Remember, it's smart to shop for credit. It's even smarter, and cheaper, too, to pay cash," says Consumer Counsel Nelson.

Revolving credit for teenagers?

Since a national mail order house store opened revolving accounts for teenagers, business has watched carefully for the reaction which did not come, according to Labor's Community Report.

Many credit houses are now grabbing for this new \$10 billion credit field. With interest rates from 18 to 80 per cent, teenagers will face increased advertising on the "benefits of going into debt."

The legal questions involved have yet to be settled. But how often does the consumer find protection in today's law?

Perhaps the uncomplaining consumer will finally awaken to the seriousness of this new attempt by business to induce children to make wasteful expenditures. Credit costs and credit selling misrepresentations might finally be brought to the attention of the adults.

Do you approve of a 12-year-old signing an installment contract?

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Pitts, Mosk give advice on time-off-for-voting rights

Thomas L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation this week urged local unions to acquaint members with their "time off" rights for voting.

According to State Atty. Gen. Stanley Mosk:

An employee may take off as much time as will enable him to vote next Tuesday, but not more than two hours can be taken off without loss of pay.

The time taken off, must be at the beginning or end of his regular working shift, "which ever allows him the most free time for voting and the least time off from his regular working shift, unless otherwise mutually agreed."

The employee also must inform his employer on the third working day prior to the day of election that he will need the time off to enable him to vote on election day to meet the requirements of a two-day notice.

The employer must have posted notice ten days prior to election at the place of work, setting forth the provisions of section 5699 of the Elections Code.

Section 5699 of the Elections Code, as amended in 1957, reads:

"If a registered voter does not have sufficient time outside of his working hours within which to vote at any general, direct primary or presidential primary election, he may, without loss of pay, take off so much working time as will, when added to his voting time outside his working hours, enable him to vote.

"An employee may take off so much time as will enable him to vote, but not more than two hours of which shall be without loss of pay; provided, that he shall be allowed time off for voting only at the beginning or end of his regular working shift, whichever allows him the most free time for voting and the least time off from his regular working shift, unless otherwise mutually agreed.

"If the employee on the third working day prior to the day of the election, knows or has reason to believe, that he will need time off to enable him to vote on election day, he shall give his employer at least two working days' notice that he desires time off in accordance with the provisions of this section."

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Bay Area labor: S. F. Sears launches 'deliberate' reprisals

More than 150 machinists and clerks were fired or laid off by Sears Roebuck & Co. in San Francisco last week for observing picket lines.

Leona Graves of Stores Clerks, 1100, San Francisco, called them "deliberate and vicious reprisals against our members for standing loyally and firmly on union principles."

Production Machinists Lodge 1327 struck the store May 9 after the company refused to bargain in good faith. The strike was halted by a court order May 24. Those fired or laid off were members of both unions.

In a somewhat ambiguous statement, management attorney Nathan Berke said the firm "permanently" replaced over 100 clerks but that they were told they would be rehired as needed in the future.

Earlier, 28 members of the Building Service Employees Union were laid off, also for refusal to cross picket lines.

CANNERY STRIKE VOTE

Members of Teamsters Cannery Workers unions throughout northern California have rejected a company offer and empowered their negotiators to call a strike if necessary.

LOCKHEED STRIKE VOTE

IAM lodges at missiles and space division plants of Lockheed Aircraft Corp. including representatives of 7,500 at Sunnyvale, voted to authorize a strike if necessary. The union said "whether or not a strike is called will be the responsibility of the company."

CROCKETT VOTE

Sugar Workers 20337 at the C & H Corp., Crockett, will vote in an AFLCIO-supervised election June 16 on whether to affiliate with the Seafarers International Union, AFLCIO. Several California sugar unions have been directly affiliated with the AFLCIO, but say they can't afford a raise in per capita tax voted by the AFLCIO last year.

JENOTT DIES

George W. Jenott, 66, secretary-treasurer and business manager for Teamsters 296, San Jose, died last week of cancer.

NEW SPEAKERS

John F. Henning, state director of industrial relations, and Ronald Scales, assistant personnel manager for Moore Business

Forms, Inc., have been added to speakers at the "Manpower: the Challenge of Change" conference at the University of San Francisco Thursday, June 2.

JOBS UP

Manufacturing employment in the Oakland - San Francisco metropolitan area hit 199,800 in April—up 1,300 from March—according to the State Department of Industrial Relations. Largest gains were in food processing.

Unemployment insurance claims dropped seasonally but were 20 percent above last year.

JINKERSON RE-NAMED

Claude Jinkerson, president of the San Francisco Labor Council, was re-appointed to the San Francisco Port Authority board of directors by Governor Brown.

Pickets still in front of Two Guys Carpet Co.: BTC

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that the deadline for filing absentee ballot applications with county clerks for the June 7 primary is June 2.

"While every union should tend to this problem," Pitts said, "it is particularly urgent that it be done in the case of those organizations whose members are often away from home due to the nature of their work."

JEWISH LABOR

The council voted to donate \$25 to the Jewish Labor Committee.

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retary; Walter Earl, Alex Leishman and Earl Platt, trustees, and James Murphy and Ray Parker, dispatchers.

Sweeney, 42, was an organizer for Local 70 for three years. He has been a Teamster 20 years. In 1939, he was secretary-treasurer of Bakery and Confectionery Workers 119-C. He is a native of Oakland and a graduate of McClymonds High School.

Plans ready for annual apprentice graduation next Monday evening

Plans are complete for the annual apprenticeship completion ceremony, held for the past 12 years by the Greater East Bay Joint Apprenticeship Council.

Some 225 new craftsmen will receive journeymen's certificates at this year's dinner, to be held Monday evening, June 6, at Goodman's Jack London Hall, according to William F. Stumpf, of Steelworkers District 38, general chairman.

Since the joint labor-management dinners started, more than 5,800 apprentices from about 50 crafts have received state certificates.

Cohelan's headquarters open at 4057 Broadway

Headquarters for Democratic Congressman Jeffery Cohelan's re-election campaign are now open at 4057 Broadway.

Heading Cohelan's campaign are: Lyle E. Cook and Lionel J. Wilson, co-chairmen; Dr. Varden Fuller, treasurer; J. L. Childers, secretary; Dr. James G. Whitney and Albert Brown, finance co-chairmen, and Mrs. Monroe Friedman, E. B. Griffin Jr. and T. J. Kent Jr., chairmen for the 16th, 17th and 18th Assembly Districts, respectively.

Others assisting include Elizabeth Witkin, D. G. Gibson, Daniel Longaker, Dr. Peter H. Odegard, Mrs. Ethelyn Kaplan, Mrs. Elizabeth Sackett, Mrs. Faye Mitchell, Mrs. Bernice May, Jacques Hull, Robert Barieau, Joseph Close, Dorothy Demorest, Babette Chamberlain and Charles E. Wilson.

Millmen vote support of anti-bias picketing at NAACP request

Support for picketing of national chains like Kress and Woolworth to oppose their segregation policies in the South has been voted by Millmen 550.

A representative of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People presented the issue at a union meeting.

Several members of Local 550 took the floor to condemn segregation and discrimination against Negroes or any racial or religious group, in the South, in California or anywhere.

One member, Al Cooling, denounced the hypocrisy of opposing segregation in Africa when Negroes are discriminated against in housing, jobs and other fields right here in Alameda County.

Members of Local 550 have been requested to support the NAACP picket lines by Business Agent Anthony L. Ramos in accordance with the resolution.

2 Bay Area stations show AFLCIO TV series

Two Bay Area television outlets are currently showing the "Americans at Work" series, according to George Craig, television field director for the AFL-CIO.


They are: KTVU (Channel 2), 10 a.m. Saturdays, and KNTV (Channel 11), 11:40 a.m. alternate Sundays.

The series now includes 73 episodes, telling about different AFLCIO unions. Other productions are in process.

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Hayward Painters 1178

By WILEY H. MOUNTJOY

We are going to have a picnic! On Labor Day at the Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Cost, \$1 for you and family. Tickets are in the office. Awards: trip to Hawaii for two. Proceeds to go to COPE. This is election year, you know.

Local election of officers and delegates will be held the second meeting, June 17 from 4 to 8 p.m. in the office.

President Ray Conklin is home from the hospital. The fusion of neck vertebra and grafting of thigh bone to same was a success, and he is now convalescing nicely.

Veep Andy Swanson is doing a commendable job as chairman of the meetings.

Vern Edwards, fishing June Lake, caught some dandy limits of trout, averaging 14 inches—and his first go at it too.

Richard (Ed) Fitzgerald is new secretary of 13th AD COPE, which in case you didn't know is Labor's political arm.

Regret to announce passing on of Brother George Purbeck on May 23 at the age of 60.

Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAS

Just a chip for the pocket book this week. Dues will be \$4.85 per month as of July 1, according to our voted (did you?) by laws to the district council. Wages are up as of June 16 and wages and dues are tied together.

Painters Local No. 127

By MARVIN EDWARDS

The biggest hurdles in the way of the wall covering classes have been overcome; so it now appears that we will have them this summer.

The manufacturers of the Virect vinyl coverings promised me a shipment of material to be used in the class.

Kaiser Gypsum is coming to the rescue with gypsum board for wall space. Let's hope these are last problems we will have.

It is gratifying to see how willing the manufacturers are to assist with problems of this na-

ture. Everyone that I have contacted has offered full cooperation in making the classes a success. They were impressed favorably by the enthusiastic response of our membership to take advantage of an opportunity to increase their skills.

There are new products coming out of the labs in a steady stream. We must keep up with them. It is my intention to keep abreast of new products and methods for the trade and report to you as they appear. We should give some serious thought to a continuous instructional program to keep up with progress.

At our next meeting nominations for delegates to the Building Trades Conference will be in order. Election of officers and delegates for the next two years will be held June 23. There is competition for offices this year; so let's see how good a turnout we can have.

Lack of participation has sounded the doom of many organizations. We have too much to lose to let that happen to us.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

I am going to dedicate this column to the memory of Brother Charles Tanner, who passed away on Monday, May 23. He had been hospitalized several times and finally succumbed to a heart condition.

Those of us who organized the Watchmakers Union will be the only ones who will recognize the loss that Brother Tanner's death will be to the union and the watch repair industry. Brother Tanner was not only one of the original members of the organization but also served as President of the Watchmakers Union for a number of years, as well as having been an active Executive Board member.

In accordance with Brother Tanner's wishes, a donation was sent to the City of Hope in his memory.

We know that Brother Tanner's family will miss him a great deal, as well as those of us who knew him personally, and we can only extend our deepest sympathy to them at this time.

1960 is another presidential year and I am assuming we will follow the usual custom of re-

questing the members to have proof that they are in compliance with the union by-laws that they must be registered voters. I am giving you this information in advance so that you may be able to take advantage of your primary voting notice by forwarding same to the union office. If you will send your primary notice to the office it will eliminate the necessity of your getting a slip from the registrar of voters.

If you are not a citizen of this country you must be in the process of obtaining your citizenship and it must be completed at the earliest time provided by law.

San Jose meeting notice: San Jose members, please notice that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 8 p.m., at the Labor Temple, 45 Santa Teresa Street, San Jose.

Sheet Metal Snips

By AL ARELLANO

Among the many important happenings of the recent three-day Conference on Apprenticeship held at the Jack Tar Hotel in San Francisco, I found the subject of safety creeping in everywhere.

CAUTION! WARNING! DANGER! Too many of us forget safety in the increased production demanded of us on the job today. More attention should be given to the clothing you wear, the shoes you have on — are your shoe strings tied?

CAUTION! WARNING! DANGER! Safety is one of the many things that labor and management should work hand to hand in: management because it keeps their skilled force intact and the insurance rate down and labor because it is our obligation to each of us to preserve life and limb of our fellow member. Every local union should encourage its members to note and report any unsafe conditions and practices which they may run into. We of Local 216 have on many occasions asked for this kind of cooperation. It was a few short months ago that on the floor at one of our regular meetings I reported on having an unsafe ladder replaced by a new one.

CAUTION! WARNING! DANGER! New industries create new hazards. All the new chemicals create new poison, and fumes have become more toxic. Repair of ducts and pipes in these types of plants demands more care. Hands should be washed more often, as skin diseases are plentiful. The year of 1959 brought us 164,000 accidents, an increase of nearly 20,000 or seven percent. The only happy thought is that the percentage of deaths went down.

CAUTION! WARNING! DANGER! Remember—safety away from the job also has its rewards.

Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

Whatever the total of fatalities for the Memorial Day weekend, there were too many. The next massacre will take place over the July 4th weekend. Death can take your Holiday, and the rest of your life, too.

Did you know Dave Arca has a son, David, and a grandson, David? Facetious friends call ours the House of David, and guess who they call "Big Daddy?" Yeah, we have to grin and bear it.

We're concerned for the welfare and future of Local 1304. We're concerned about the lack of progress in our Pabco lockout. We're concerned about indifference to plant problems.

If you're concerned, we'll have nominations on June 2nd, and elections on June 16th. Now is the time for all good men, to come to the aid of our union.

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Millmen 550

By POLITICAL COMMITTEE

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In the City of San Francisco, where water is fluoridated now, the cost is about six cents per year per person.

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They're at least holding their own

As this column was being written, disarmament talks were being resumed for the umpteenth time. Meanwhile, all nations were frantically trying to develop more and bigger missiles. The only comment we see fit to make is to tell the story of the lieutenant who had a company of soldiers out on a hike. After a full day of marching it finally dawned on the loonie that they were hopelessly lost. So when they came to a farmhouse the officer stopped to ask how far it was to camp. "About three miles," replied the farmer.

So the marching resumed; but after a couple of hours had elapsed the officer again stopped at a farmhouse to ask how far to camp. Again the reply was, "About three miles."

Several more hours of hoofing brought the company to another farmhouse instead of the camp. When the officer asked the usual question, he got the usual answer—"About three miles."

Turning to his men, the shave-tail remarked:

"One thing about it boys, at least we're holding our own."—The Carpenter.

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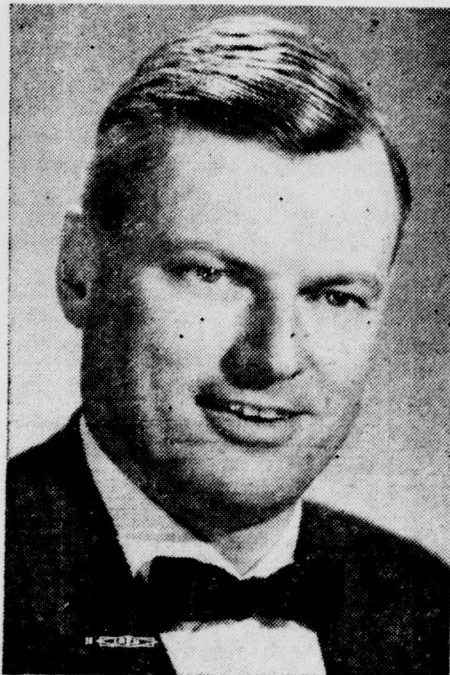
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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

There will be a special order of business at our next regular meeting Tuesday, June 7, 1960, to act on the report on the subject of Smith & Parrish and the workmen's compensation problems.

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

All three meetings of this union will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, the first at 9:30 a.m., the second at 2:30 p.m., and the third at 8:00 p.m. at the union headquarters.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 21,

At these meetings, nominations will be held for the California State Council of Culinary Workers and Bartenders and the California State Labor Federation conventions, to be held in Sacramento in August. The election will be held on Tuesday, July 19, 1960, at the union headquarters, 696 B Street, Hayward. Polls will be open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

CARPENTERS 1158

There was a Special Called meeting May 16, 1960 at 8:00 p.m. at Finnish Hall at 1970 Chestnut Street. In addition to the order of business, the special order was nomination of one trustee. The election will be on June 20, 1960, same time, same place.

Fraternally yours,
NICK AFDAMO,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWinoaks 3-1120.

CARPENTERS 1473

Election of one trustee and a delegate to the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters will be an added order of business at the June 17, 1960, meeting of Carpenters Local 1473 in Eagle Hall, 1228 56th Avenue, Oakland at 8 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
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All members who have changed their address or who have not been receiving the Labor Journal or union notices regularly please inform the financial secretary immediately. If you know of any member who has changed his address or who has not been receiving the Labor Journal or union notices regularly please tell him to inform the financial secretary immediately.

Fraternally yours,
ANTHONY L. RAMOS,
Business Agent

AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be held June 7 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Business Representative

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The next regular meeting will be held June 4 at 1918 Grove Street, Oakland, at 2 p.m.

The executive board will meet at 10:30 a.m.

Fraternally,
VICTOR BARTELS,
Secretary

CARPENTERS LOCAL 1149

Nominations will be open for the office of trustee at the Oakland meeting, 115 Broadway, on June 17, 1960. The election will be held at the Oakland meeting, 115 Broadway, on July 15, 1960.

Ballot boxes will be open on July 15, 1960, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 2085 - 3rd Street, San Francisco, and from 7:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. at 115 Broadway, Oakland.

Fraternally,
JAMES ALLAN,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

The welcome sign is always out to you all on the date of our meetings. The next meeting comes up Friday night June 3rd to act on such business as may regularly come before it. There is nothing special to consider as yet, but you never can tell what may come up; so it behooves us all to attend the meetings and take part in them. The nomination of officers took place at our last meeting. There will be a list of the nominees on the bulletin board for all to see. Election comes at a later date. You will be notified by post card as to the date. We'll see you Friday night, June 3.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

PAINT MAKERS 1101

Elections for the following offices will be held June 21, 1960, the time and place as designated by the president:

Business manager (financial secretary-treasurer) (three-year term), Peter J. Ceremello.

One trustee for Local 1101 (three-year term), Stacy Jefford, incumbent; Carl Lawler.

One trustee for health and welfare pension trusts (term in accordance with trust instrument), Woodfin Threats.

Warden (one-year unexpired term), Valente Sanchez.

The election is to be held from 2-9 p.m. June 21, 1960, in the union office, Room 104, 2315 Valdez St. All members are urged to cast their vote for their choice.

Shift workers please note that time has been allowed for you to vote.

The regular meeting for June will be held at 8 p.m. June 21, 1960, in Hall C, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

Fraternally yours,
EDWARD MORGAN,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ELECTION

To elect one Trustee and Delegates of Local 1622, will be held Friday, June 10, 1960 at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward. The polls will be open from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for voting. The Trustee office will be a 3 year term. The delegates will be to the California State Council of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, the California State Federation of Labor, AFLCIO, the Building and Construction Trades Council of Alameda County, Alameda County COPE and two members of the local's Sick Committee for three years.

Regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8:00 p.m. at the Labor Temple unless otherwise specified.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

NOTICE!

June 2, 1960 has been designated as a special called meeting for the purpose of voting by secret ballot on the application of our 25¢ increase, due under our collective bargaining agreement.

It is very important that you attend this meeting.

Fraternally yours,
JAMES H. MARTIN,
Fin. Sec'y., Bus. Mgr.

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, June 2, 8 p.m. Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m.

Nominations for all offices at 9 p.m.

Fraternally,
D. ARCA,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 36

A special called meeting for the election of a trustee (three year term) will be held Friday, June 17, 1960, with the polls open from 12 noon to 10 p.m., at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, Calif.

All Carpenters and their families are urged to vote at the primary election which will be held Tuesday, June 7, 1960. Be sure and cast your vote at both of these elections.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

UC EMPLOYEES 371

The next regular meeting has been postponed from June 11, 1960, to June 18, 1960, at which time we expect to have some information to pass on to the membership regarding the progress of the negotiations. There are also some other matters concerning the union that need your attention.

This meeting can be considered as a special one. And we hope to see you there. We also welcome these new members into the organization:

Andrew Jones, Oakland; Thomas Shade, Richmond; Alton S. Sneed, Rodeo; L. E. Gilbert, Richmond; Manual Anduha, Richmond; W. L. Tallent, Lafayette; Leroy C. Dye, Rodeo; Robert Sullivan, Richmond.

Fraternally yours,
A. ROBERTSON,
Secretary

UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meetings held 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 - 36th Avenue, Oakland.

Election of candidates to the offices of local union president, vice president, recording secretary, financial secretary, treasurer, guard, guide and 3 trustees. Also grievance committeemen and chief shop stewards.

Election will be held at 729 - 37th Avenue, Friday, June 10, 1960.

Polls open at 6 a.m. and close at 4:30 p.m.

Fraternally,
FRANK V. McINTOSH,
Recording Secretary

Carpenters 36 steward dies in Illinois crash

Funeral services were held May 25 for Maynard L. Karjala, 39, of San Leandro, a shop steward for Carpenters 36, and his wife, Isabel, 38, who were killed in an auto accident in El Dorado, Ill., May 21. He was employed at the Oakland Garden Show.

This particular Trib's in Chicago

Sunday's Tribune had this headline prominent on the front page:

"Union Boss Shot to Death in Quarrel."

The "union boss" in the case was John W. Lewis, president of Packinghouse Workers Local 28. Even by Tribune standards, Lewis couldn't rank as a "union boss." He worked as a shipping clerk while serving as president of Local 28. Peculiarly, the name of the company didn't appear in the Trib's front-page story of the slaying, although the article says "Company officials said that Lewis has worked for the company for 25 years."

The next day's Tribune reported that the shooting of Lewis by B. J. Williams stemmed from a personal quarrel over \$50. There was absolutely no union involvement in the altercation. The story was back on page 10. Lewis was no longer described as a "union boss." The Trib accomplished its purpose: a trade union official was associated with an unsavory incident, which could have happened to anyone — Chicago Federation News.

W. U. makes 'divide and conquer' offer to CTU

Western Union made a "divide and conquer" offer to the AFL-CIO Commercial Telegraphers Union shortly before the midnight Tuesday strike deadline, according to Larry Ross, Local 208 president.

To its previous offer of five cents this year and five cents next year, W. U. baited the hook by proposing additional raises of 3-5 cents for employees making over \$2 an hour.

But many of the 300 members of Local 208 would not benefit from the latest company offer. The company offered no raises at all for messengers, who make only \$1 an hour, Ross said.

Vial on KPFA

Don Vial, research director for the California Labor Federation, is one of 13 speakers in a symposium on "California's Water Problem" at 11 a.m. Saturday on KPFA.

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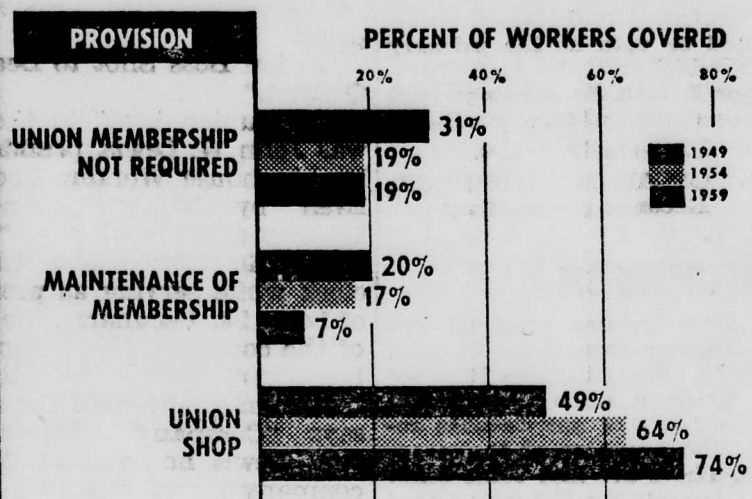
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SOURCE: U.S. Dept. of Labor

Chart by AFL-CIO Dept. of Research

Repeat that name, if you please, Sir

An empty truck pulled into the tunnel at the struck Oregonian-Oregon Journal, according to a picket on duty there, and it soon was obvious that its purpose was to haul away baled waste paper. It also was obvious there was an argument going on between the driver and the young man with him. The straining ears of the picket couldn't hear what he said, but soon the youngster jammed his hat on, jumped out of the truck and stamped out.

The picket asked him what was going on, found out he came from a union family and hadn't known when he started out on the truck that the job entailed crossing a picket line. "They can have their job," he said.

The name of the union sympathizer? Dave Beck — The Front Line, Portland, Ore.

Postal pay delay called shameful

The stalling and stalemating tactics of the Administration in regard to giving postal employees and other Federal workers a pay raise are despicable. The fact that postal and Federal employees cannot strike or bargain collectively is being used as a lever to keep them from the economic advantages which non-government organized labor enjoys everywhere in the United States.

Postal and Federal employees deserve a substantial pay raise. They are in desperate need of a substantial pay raise. It is our earnest desire that the Congress will redress present wrongs and elevate the economic status of postal and Federal employees so that they shall no longer be treated as second-class citizens in the economic market place. — AFL-CIO Executive Council.

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Open letter to Steamfitters from Credit Union treasurer

Dear Brothers:

For some time now I have been thinking of our Local Union 342, and the individuals that comprise the membership of our union. I have been thinking of the needs and fears of each and every one of us. Our biggest need individually, other than spiritually, is work, and the money received for this work, to feed our families and pay our bills. Our biggest individual fear is the fear of no work, and the resulting reduced income that barely allows an existence.

This fear is a specter that continually looms over us, and the sense of insecurity and frustration that is ingrained in our minds grows like a rotten, malignant thing, and eventually poisons our thoughts and actions to our brothers and fellow human beings.

Our present economic system does not give us control over the amount of work in any given locality, and we cannot control or balance the number of available for the number of jobs offered. Generally, we have too few jobs and too many people qualified for each job. Since the beginning of time the leaders of the world have tried everything to build a Utopia, and all of their efforts are ashes. They, as leaders, have tried everything except giving the working classes of all nations a guaranteed decent livelihood. Our sense of frustration and insecurity stems from our inadequateness to cope with this problem of earning a decent livelihood.

As individuals we stand alone, each of us with our own problems, and searching frantically for a magic formula that will solve all our problems and destroy the specter that haunts us. Since we are mature adult human beings, we know that magic formulae are pure fiction, and the pattern of our lives is not based on fiction and fairy tales. We either use a trial and error method or we follow proven methods established by the experience of thousands of other human beings before us, who have had the same problems that we face today.

As union members, working together for the common good of all, we have a proven formula that can eventually destroy the fears and insecurity that plague all working classes. Realizing that our members need financial assistance when work is slack, our local union investigated and then organized a Credit Union for the benefit of all steamfitters of Local No. 342 and their families. This is a member-owned and member-operated corporation and was chartered by the State of California on July 12, 1957.

At the time of organization our total assets consisted of \$62 cash, and we had a total of 42 members. Since that time, up to and including April 30, 1960, our assets have increased to \$161,895.30 and our membership to 528 members. The number of

loans since organization total 429, with a current balance of \$155,019.22. The amount of deposits or shares held by our members have a current balance of \$128,153.10 and a dividend of 4% was paid on all shares for the years 1958 and 1959.

What does all of this mean to a member of Local Union 342? It means that we have an organization within our local union that was founded on two basic principles or ideals, BROTHERHOOD and SERVICE. We have the opportunity of fulfilling the obligation and responsibility to each other that we accepted when we became union members. We have an organization in which we can systematically save, and prepare ourselves for emergencies that have drained our resources in the past. The money thus saved in the credit union is loaned to our brother members for any providential purpose.

When a steamfitter is out of work and his cash reserve is exhausted, where can he turn for temporary financial assistance to make payments on his home, car, furniture, insurance, taxes, doctor bills and utility bills? Certainly not a bank, because the first requirement is that a man must have a job to qualify for a loan.

Your Credit Union as a closed corporation has a select membership and this restriction is not included in their loan policy. A credit union member does not have to suffer the humiliation of being refused a loan because he does not have work. He is able to maintain his self respect and the respect of his fellow man by using the services offered by his credit union. He has the security that comes with the knowledge that his family will not suffer if he is sick or unemployed, because he can borrow enough money to carry him through the rough spots, from his credit union. He knows that the credit union is not just a fair weather friend but one that will stand by him in all kinds of financial weather. He can participate in the credit union activities and encourage others to join and benefit from the services offered. He has complete control over his finances and is not dependent on any charitable organization or individual.

To those of you who are credit union members, ask yourselves this question: Am I saving enough money to take care of my family in case I became ill and couldn't work? If the answer to those questions is negative, start today to save in your credit union. Don't wait until you have several hundred dollars to deposit; small amounts will grow into hundreds if you deposit regularly.

To those of you who are not credit union members, I challenge you to investigate the benefits offered by the credit union. I dare you to prove to yourself if the credit union can profit you and your family. You cannot lose anything by seeking information, and then deciding for your own satisfaction if the Steamfitters 342 Credit Union is all that we say it is. Join your credit union today.

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Home economist on question of meat for the children

Mary Gullberg, home economist, Consumers Cooperative of Berkeley, says that meat is expensive mainly not because the cattle raisers, the meat packing industry or the retail markets are making a tremendous profit but because it is expensive to process grain through animals. She added:

"It is only because the animals eat grasses and cheaper grains unsuitable for human food, as well as the cereal grains, that meat is not prohibitive in price. Cereals fed to animals return rather small percentages of the original calories from the grain in the form of meat; 17% for pigs, 10% for beef cattle, 5% for chickens and 3% for sheep. Milk production returns a somewhat larger percentage of the original calories, 18 to 33% depending on the efficiency of the cow.

"Most non-Western countries are forced by population pressure to consume their grains directly. They do not eat less meat because they prefer cereals, they cannot afford to eat their grains in the form of meat. This is one of the outstanding differences between the 'have' and 'have not' nations and one that has deep social and ethical aspects for world peace and cooperation.

"We cannot quickly make radical changes in our food habits but we can keep an open mind toward efforts to increase the direct consumption of cereals. As knowledge of nutrition advances, research may provide us with improved plant and grain products that will assure a more complete diet for more people.

"We might begin to reduce the inequalities by de-emphasizing meat in the food habits we instill in our children for they may deal more wisely with this problem than we have. Child feeding is actually made easier if children are not given too much meat. Because meat is so acceptable to nearly everyone, the temptation is to feed it liberally, with the result that children fill up on meat and refuse the vegetables and milk they also need."

PG&E statement on gas rate request

The Pacific Gas & Electric Company has issued a press release stating:

"The higher cost of natural gas piped from Texas and New Mexico, plus the higher costs of materials, wages, taxes, California gas and borrowed money, will require increased rates to customers of Pacific Gas & Electric Company, PG&E reported to the California Public Utilities Commission in an application filed May 6.

"On the average, the proposed increase would add about 3½ cents a day or \$1.05 a month to the bills of 1,575,000 residential gas users in northern and central California.

"PG&E asked that approximately one-third of the rate go into effect on August 25, scheduled date of a wholesale price increase that PG&E must pay to El Paso Natural Gas Company, its out-of-state supplier.

"The company requested that the remaining two-thirds go into effect as soon as possible.

"The Public Utilities Commission is expected to call public hearings shortly to consider and rule upon PG&E's application."

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Culinary magazine publishes account of consumer aide

Dave Selvin, editor of San Francisco Labor, had an interesting article on the work of State Consumer Counsel Helen Nelson in the Catering Industry Employee, from which the following is excerpted:

Unions, Mrs. Nelson feels, enjoy some special advantages as sources of consumer protection services. Most unions are accustomed to supplying specialized help to members, from grievance settlements to job finding and job training. It's standard for unions to assist members filing unemployment or compensation claims. Many have income tax service. And in hundreds of ways unions come to the aid of the worker and his family through health and welfare plans.

"With experience like that, unions don't have far to go to add consumer counselling to the list of services they can make available to their members."

Among some practical kinds of consumer service unions might offer, Mrs. Nelson ticked off on the spur of the moment:

- Help for the member caught in the clutches of a loan shark or used car dealer, and about to have goods repossessed or wages attached.

- Assistance in dealing with a funeral director to avoid the trap of high costs sometimes set by unscrupulous morticians in times of family crisis.

- Organizing a credit union where union members can save at good interest rates, borrow at low rates so they can take advantage of discount opportunities on major purchases.

- Subscribing to recognized consumer publications which help keep shoppers up-to-date on quality, prices and "best buys."

- Operating a consumer information service where members can turn for help when considering major purchases, or when wanting to find out how to determine quality when shopping for household items.

Hagerty says Ike 'too busy' to vote

The President of the United States should be a shining example for everybody in carrying out his duties and responsibilities of citizenship. The present President has time and again urged all citizens to vote. But in the April elections in Pennsylvania, the state in which he is registered, he stayed away from the voting booth.

His press secretary says Mr. Eisenhower was "too busy" to spend an hour or so in traveling to and from Gettysburg to vote. But how many times has the President flown to Gettysburg for golf? And only 11 days before the Pennsylvania elections he flew all the way from Augusta, Ga., where he was golfing, to Washington, threw out the first ball to open the baseball season, and flew back to Augusta for more golf—all in the same day.—COPE.

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State labor news: Teamster brewery strike is averted

Beer drinkers relaxed throughout California, as a strike of some 7,500 Teamster brewery workers and drivers was averted.

Union members accepted an employer offer which gives them \$6 weekly raises this year and \$6 next year. They turned down a \$5-\$5 package last month.

This settlement also includes improvements in vacation and health and welfare clauses. The old contract expired March 31.

60% UNION CHERRIES

The AFLCIO Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee announced it has informal agreement covering 60 percent of California's cherry production—a major victory in the drive for higher farm wages.

Norman Smith, AWOC director in Stockton, says the agreement calls for a minimum harvest price of \$1.10 per 16-quart bucket. The battle is by no means over, with the peak harvest expected June 10. Smith said. Last year's price was 90 cents for a bigger bucket.

PITTS APPOINTED

Thomas L. Pitts, secretary-

treasurer of the California Labor Federation, was appointed to the Governor's Advisory Council of the State Department of Employment by Governor Brown. He fills the vacancy left by C. J. Haggerty.

WORKMEN'S COMP. UP

The number of injured workers receiving full workmen's compensation benefits under state law jumped from 37 percent in September, 1958 to 63 percent in September, 1959, the governor's office announced last week.

The increase followed a raise in the maximum from \$50 to \$65 by the State Legislature. John F. Henning, state director of industrial relations, said September was chosen for comparison because last September was the first month under the new maximum for which figures are complete.

L. A. FOLLOWS ALAMEDA

The Los Angeles County Federation followed the Alameda County Central Labor Council in calling for full support of civil rights "sit-in" demonstrations.

Stockton officers intimidated pickets with dogs: AWOC

Use of snarling, snapping dogs by Stockton police and intimidation of pickets was protested by the AFLCIO Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee.

Police used dogs to intimidate union members from picketing the buses of Loduze & Perry, a contracting firm, last week, according to Norman Smith, California director for the AWOC.

Smith said the firm had carried strikebreakers across an AWOC picket line in the Linden area.

Police officers complained to Smith that pickets were creating too much noise and possibly inciting disorderly action.

Smith said no inciting was taking place. He said the shouts of pickets were generally less noisy than the Farm Placement Service's "bull horn" and the shouts of bus drivers and labor recruiters.

"We do not intend to let the police abrogate our freedom of speech, whether with savage dogs or with savage threats of arrest and abuse," Smith added.

"The rank and file members and I challenged the police right to curtail free speech and picketing. We intend to go on speaking and picketing peacefully, even if it takes court action to reassert that right."

Smith and AWOC members

challenged the police to make arrests. This would test their right to interfere.

In another development on the farm worker scene, a \$2,000,000 damage suit is on file against the AWOC, two unions and four union officials.

The suit, filed by the DiGiorgio Fruit Corp., charges that agricultural workers' unions violated a 1950 Los Angeles court order by showing a film, "Poverty in the Valley of Plenty," in the San Joaquin Valley recently.

The film included an attack on working conditions at DiGiorgio farms near Arvin, Calif. The big farm corporation holds that the film is libelous and that some of the defendants agreed to discontinue showing it and destroy all prints and negatives.

In addition to Smith and the AWOC, defendants in the current action, filed at Stockton, include: the AFLCIO National Agricultural Workers Union; the AFLCIO United Packinghouse Workers of America; DeWitt Tannehill, assistant director of the AWOC, and H. L. Mitchell, president, and Ernesto Galarza, vice president of the NAWU.

Smith withheld comment until he can consult with attorneys.

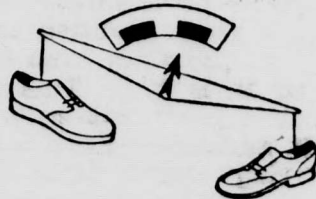
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From the Editor's Chair (Continued)

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Secondly, I feel obligated to report some other items of interest to union members—even if they are not 100 per cent union news. This includes politics, civil liberties, community needs and the shortcomings of the daily press.

I plan to report these happenings ESPECIALLY if they are kept out of the daily press.

EDITORIAL POLICY

As for editorial policy, the East Bay Labor Journal will continue to be the voice and the conscience of the AFLCIO Central Labor Council and the AFL-CIO Building Trades Council of Alameda County.

I hope to call the shots fairly, as I see them—as my predecessor did.

In short, I want to continue the basic policies of my predecessor, the things which attracted me to this job in the first place.

I shall consider it a responsibility and a challenge. — P.S.W.

JACK PAAR, Robert F. Kennedy and the National Broadcasting Co. are named in a \$2,500,000 libel and slander suit filed in U. S. District Court at Detroit by James R. Hoffa, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Manpower booklet tells you about what comes next

In its new study MANPOWER: CHALLENGE OF THE 1960's, the U.S. Department of Labor forecasts unprecedented population and labor-force growth, and a steadily increasing relationship between education and successful employment.

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MANPOWER: CHALLENGE OF THE 1960's is available in limited quantities from Labor Department information offices in San Francisco and Seattle here in the West. In 9x12-inch format, the 24 pages between its black covers are studded with easy-to-follow charts and facts that make you stop and think.—U.S. Dept. of Labor.

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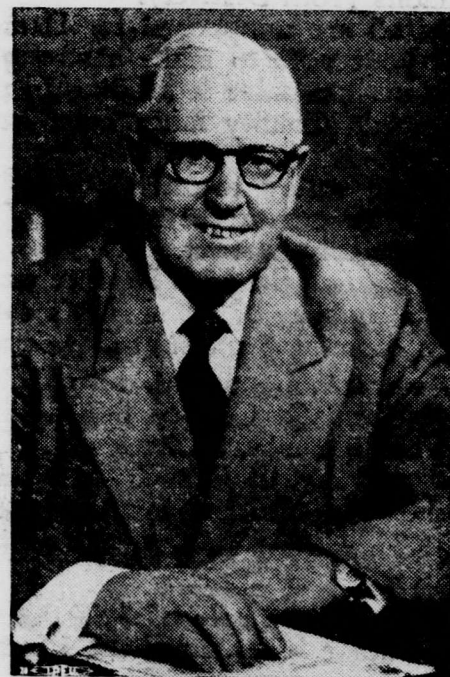
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Labor's friends need your vote Tuesday

Next Tuesday's primary is important.

1. The presidential primary is important because we want Governor Brown's Democratic slate—which includes a strong labor contingent—to get more votes than the Whittier whiz's GOP (Grand Old Prehistoric) slate.

There are always some bandwagon jumpers who vote in November for the guy who got the biggest total vote in June.

Governor Brown's man-on-the-street poll last week indicates that he is making a sincere attempt to find out which of the major candidates California Democrats prefer.

Presumably, the governor will release his delegates to that candidate after the first ballot at the Democratic National Convention.

2. The Alameda County AFLCIO Committee on Political Education (COPE) has endorsed incumbent Congressmen Jeffery Cohelan and George P. Miller.

Both deserve your vote because they have built up strong pro-labor voting records and because we want them to get the biggest total primary vote, too.

Cohelan, former secretary-treasurer of Milk Drivers 302, was a Berkeley city councilman before he was elected to Congress in 1958.

He was part of the special five-man subcommittee of the House Democratic Study Group, which pushed civil rights legislation through the House of Representatives.

Besides his persistent fight for adequate civil rights legislation, Congressman Cohelan was a leader in the battle to keep the 160-acre limitation in the San Luis Reservoir bill.

He initiated and secured passage of bills to provide sewage treatment facilities at Treasure Island and Benecia Arsenal.

Cohelan also introduced HR 4258, providing financial assistance to public schools; House Concurrent Resolution 551, backing a stronger U. N. Charter; HR 6872 for better training of public health workers.

He has been active in fights for a new federal minimum wage law, the Forand Bill and the common site picketing bill.

Congressman Miller, a member of the House of Representatives since 1944, is known for long and continued championing of the cause of organized labor and labor-backed programs.

A legislator of long experience, Miller served as a member of the State Assembly for two terms and was executive secretary of the State Division of Fish and Game before becoming a member of Congress.

3. Also endorsed by Alameda County COPE are Assembly candidates Carlos Bee (13th District), Robert W. Crown (14th District), Nicholas C. Petris (15th District), Wilma B. Hackett (16th District), William Byron Rumford (17th District) and Edward R. FitzSimmons (18th District).

Except for Petris, all are unopposed for Democratic nomination. But all need your vote to make a strong showing.

Petris, one of the most capable legislators in the Assembly, is the candidate Alameda County labor must get behind 100 percent next Tuesday.

His strong pro-labor voting record since his election two years ago shows that he merits the support of every union member in the 15th Assembly District.

Before Petris was elected, the 15th District was represented by a Republican for a number of years. Let's cast our ballots for Petris and keep a capable, promising Democrat in office.

4. Tuesday's primary is important, also, because of two heated races for the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

COPE has endorsed incumbent Chester E. (Chet) Stanley in the First District and Dr. Boliver B. Moore in the Fifth District. Both need the votes of union members in their districts.

5. There are three important state bond issues which have the backing of the State Labor COPE.

Proposition 1 will authorize sale of \$400,000,000 in bonds for Cal-Vet farm and home loans. In about 40 years, this program has cost the taxpayers nothing.

Proposition 2 calls for \$300,000,000 worth of bonds for badly-needed state loans for local school construction.

Proposition 3 authorizes bond issues at primary elections, without submitting them as constitutional amendments.

6. Last, but not least, there are local propositions upon which Alameda County COPE has taken a stand.

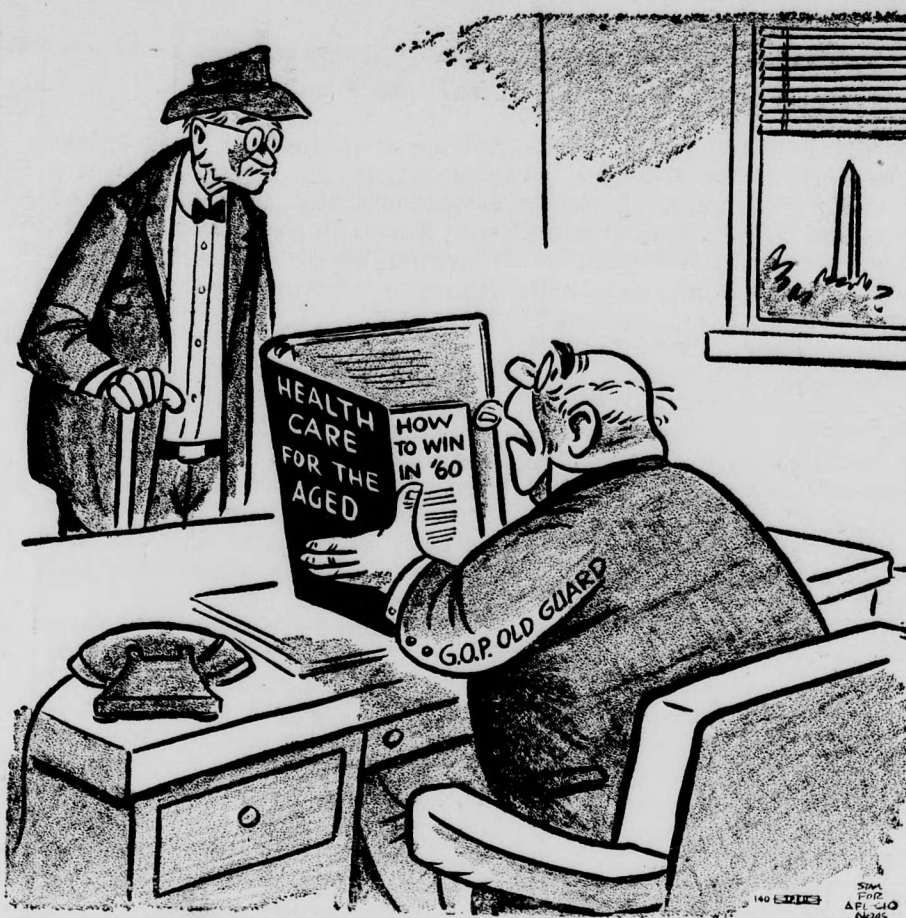
COPE urges you to vote "NO" on County-wide Proposition A. Vote "NO" and keep the county superintendent of schools elective.

A "YES" vote is urged on county-wide Proposition C, which would permit fluoridation of East Bay Municipal Utility District Water.

On Berkeley proposition E, to increase the school tax ceiling COPE recommends a "YES" vote.

Vote with labor, and—by all means—VOTE.

'I'm Studying It'



LETTER WRITERS PAY TRIBUTE TO R. L. BURGESS

Following are excerpts from some letters received in connection with the retirement of Louis Burgess as editor of East Bay Labor Journal:

JACK HOWARD, on leave from the Chronicle as labor editor, and on the staff of the House Government Information Subcommittee: It has been a grand and inspiring experience to work with you and to know you, and to talk to you about it all.

HARRY B. WINKLER, editor, St. Louis Labor Tribune: I know you vicariously by your writing, and I rather like you for it. In fact, I sometimes surmised that your tenure was what old Damocles visualized when he looked upward like all of us attached to this writing trade must to keep our sanity—and self-respect . . . Labor journalism has made some progress in our times, but it still has so far to go to become potentially the clarion voice and mentor of the wage earner it could be.

CHARLES A. GULICK, Department of Economics, University of California: For more than a decade I have learned from your paper. Most particularly I have enjoyed your Report to Readers-Owners and your editorials. They have always breathed the spirit of Thomas Jefferson's famous oath: "I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man."

IRA B. CROSS, retired UC professor of economics: I am glad that you have been able to accomplish most of your ideals, which is not an easy thing to do . . . I wonder what is next in your colorful career. I hope that you have something interesting that will keep you busy.

JEFFERY COHELAN, Member of Congress: Louis Burgess leaves us with a great tradition of reporting all the news, even when some of it is bad. This is a tough tradition that calls for guts. It starts from the view that self-serving sweet talk won't make us face up to the fundamental questions about the movement in our time, that a good newspaper, a good labor newspaper, must be abrasive.

ERNESTO GALARZA, for many years a tireless worker for the good of the farm laborer: I have a special file of your stories and editorials concerning our struggle during the past ten years. As the gap has widened, in almost every respect, between the agricultural worker and the organized wage earners in the rest of the economy, I value those threads of sympathy and understanding all the more . . . We of the National Agricultural Workers Union—the late National Ag-

ricultural Workers Union—will remember you with fondness and respect. We will hope that you will stay around a long time yet, living to remind the younger men of labor that, in our beginning, the aim was not affluence.

FOOD CLERKS 870 in its May Bulletin: Louis stepped on lots of toes because he believed in printing the mistakes and failures of labor as well as our successes. He did this, not to be sensational, but because he believed we have to recognize our errors in order to correct them. To gloss them over or hide them was a disservice to ourselves. Whether one agreed with him or not on any particular issue, his sincerity and earnestness showed most clearly when he was spanking the hardest. He was not writing for morons!

KENNY FRANCIS, long active in the Post Office Carriers, now holder of a responsible position in the Oakland Post Office: It was with mixed emotions that I learned of your plan to retire . . . mixed emotions because I, and your many other friends of the labor movement regret your leaving for we are going to miss you personally and miss your fine articles in East Bay Labor Journal. But certainly there is a feeling of happiness to think that after almost a lifetime of devotion to the principles and aims of the labor movement you will have the opportunity to enjoy those things in life that give you pleasure and that you possibly did not have time to enjoy because of the routine of editing a weekly newspaper.

GEORGE P. MILLER, Member of Congress: Those of us who appreciate the work that you have done hate to see you go because men of your character and caliber are not readily replaceable and the labor movement needs them badly. I know the heavy strain under which you have labored and in view of this I can't find fault with your decision. All that I can do is to say thank you for the great contribution you have made to your fellow men. You have helped preserve and purify the basic principles of democracy.

JOHN FRANCIS HENNING, California Director of Industrial Relations, wrote a letter "so much appreciated by me," our former editor informs us, "that I lugged it around in my pocket showing it to all who would listen to my self-esteem on the subject, and then one day I laid it down in my study at home where it got buried somehow under the books I brought home from the office. But I like that letter from Jack a heap."

OPINIONS

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Editor, Labor Journal:

Many readers of the E. B. L. J. doubtless know Louis Burgess personally; I do not. I am impelled, however, to express in writing the respect and appreciation for him which I am sure many other readers will convey to him personally. I had occasion a few years ago to go carefully through all the issues of East Bay Labor Journal from the early 1930s up into the 1950s, all in the course of a few weeks. It was a good chance to get the flavor of a paper, and to assess the part it played in the life of the labor movement in Alameda County. I was impressed by two things: the impossibility of the labor movement achieving what it has achieved without the kind of paper it had speaking for it, and the startling growth in quality after Mr. Burgess became editor. It is rare these days to find in any newspaper—and unfortunately it is true of many labor papers—editorial leadership that reflects both a high order of intelligent insight and a fearless dedication to principle. East Bay Labor Journal has had both of these, and for this all people in the Bay Area are in his debt.

RICHARD E. JAY,
School of Business
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VOTING RECORDS

Editor, Labor Journal:

I have noticed your publication of the record of Vice President Nixon in issues of East Bay Labor Journal. I am certain there are as many loyal Republicans in the unions as there are Democrats and I am sure that every one of us would like to see also a record of the Democratic candidates for the presidency. I think that East Bay Labor Journal should not be a party paper, but should be fair to all members regardless of party affiliation. It seems to me that you only express your feelings and views.

Sincerely,

FRANK A. RAMOS,
742 East 21st Street,
Oakland.

(Editor's Note—Painful fact is that publication of the Democrats' voting records would make Tricky Dick's record, by comparison, look worse than ever.)
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WITCH HUNTERS

Editor, East Bay Labor Journal:

The witch hunters are here again. Now we are to be protected from dangerous beliefs and associations by a House Un-American Committee headed by Rep. Edwin E. Willis of Louisiana. This Democrat, who was elected by a Jim Crow vote, who battled against the recently-passed civil rights bill, will magnanimously tell us what to think.

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WHEN WAR STARTS

Never, never, never believe any war will be smooth and easy, or that anyone who embarks on that strange voyage can measure the tides and hurricanes he will encounter. The Statesman who yields to war fever must realize that once the signal is given, he is no longer the master of policy but the slave of unforeseeable and uncontrolled events. — Sir Winston Churchill.